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Annual Report of the Town Offices of Dalton, New Hampshire



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For the year ending December 31, 2009

DALTON TOWN WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2010, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) for the purchase of a new loader and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. A 2/3 ballot vote is required.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars (\$712,202) for general Town operations.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend this article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend this article.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend this article.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Pay Per Bag Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the repurchase of bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system. The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. No taxes will be raised with this appropriation. Selectmen recommend this article.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend this article.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Such funds to come from the unexpended fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for a statistical update of the Gilman Hydro Dam. Selectmen recommend this article.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred (\$2,600) for a complete property survey of the Dalton Municipal Building property. Selectmen recommend this article.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of starting a First Responder Service in the Town of Dalton. First Responder Service will be part of the Dalton Fire Department. Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to establish an ethics policy. Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the purpose of funding future legal issues that may arise and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund. The source of these funds to come from the unexpended fund balance. Also to see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this account. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800.00) for the purpose of upgrading the underground storage tanks located at the Municipal Building as required by the Department of Environmental Services. Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the Dalton Town Office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

18. To see if the Town will vote to enact a Race Track Ordinance, under RSA 31:41-a, as submitted by petition. Copies of the complete proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Town Clerk's office, and will also be available the day of the Town Meeting.

19. To see if the town will vote to enact a Waste Ordinance as follows for the Town: No site shall be located in the town of Dalton for the purposes of burying, storing or disposing of low-level or high level nuclear, chemical, automotive, or toxic waste or sludge. Petitioned article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". Petitioned article.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS												
(RSA 32:3,V)												
OP Bud.		Appropriations		Actual		Appropriations		Appropriations		Appropriations		
Warr.		Prior Year As		Expenditures		Ensuing FY		Ensuing FY		Ensuing FY		
Art.#		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		(RECOMMENDED)		(RECOMMENDED)		(NOT RECOMMENDED)		
Acct. #												
GENERAL GOVERNMENT												
4130-4139	Executive		7,500	7,241	7,500	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		9,000	7,129	12,000			12,000				
4150-4151	Financial Administration		73,000	71,587	75,000			75,000				
4153	Legal Expense		25,000	5,156	25,000			25,000				
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		86,253	82,869	94,708			94,708				
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		1,500	1,390	1,500			1,500				
4194	General Government Buildings		35,000	31,935	35,000			35,000				
4195	Cemeteries	9	6,200	5,806	5,000			5,000				
4196	Insurance		17,500	14,699	17,000			17,000				
4199	Other General Government		3,344	3,344	3,373			3,373				
PUBLIC SAFETY												
4210-4214	Police	10	60,800	59,569	38,400	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance		5,380	4,880	4,880			4,880				
4220-4229	Fire		27,000	25,241	39,850			39,850				
4290-4298	Emergency Management		750	679	1,050			1,050				
4301-4309	Airport Operations		695	695	695			695				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS												
4312	Highways & Streets		224,500	211,709	224,500	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4316	Street Lighting		1,100	1,098	1,200			1,200				
SANITATION												
4321	Administration		39,500	33,554	39,500	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		3,000	2,623	3,000			3,000				
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		12,000	9,615	12,000			12,000				
HEALTH & WELFARE												
4411	Administration		750	120	750	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4414	Pest Control		750		750							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		6,971	6,971	7,124			7,124				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5,000	907	5,000			5,000				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		1,150	1,150	1,150			1,150				

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520-4529	Parks & Recreation			300	182	300	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4550-4559	Library			12,833	12,833	16,248			
4583	Patriotic Purposes			200	195	200			

CONSERVATION

4619	Other Conservation			700	560	700	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
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DEBT SERVICE

4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes			29,752	29,753	29,788	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes			6,749	6,754	5,536			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes			5,000		2,500			

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			1,000	1,000	1,000	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*			68,910	68,910		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*			3,000	3,000				
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			782,087	713,154	712,202			

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

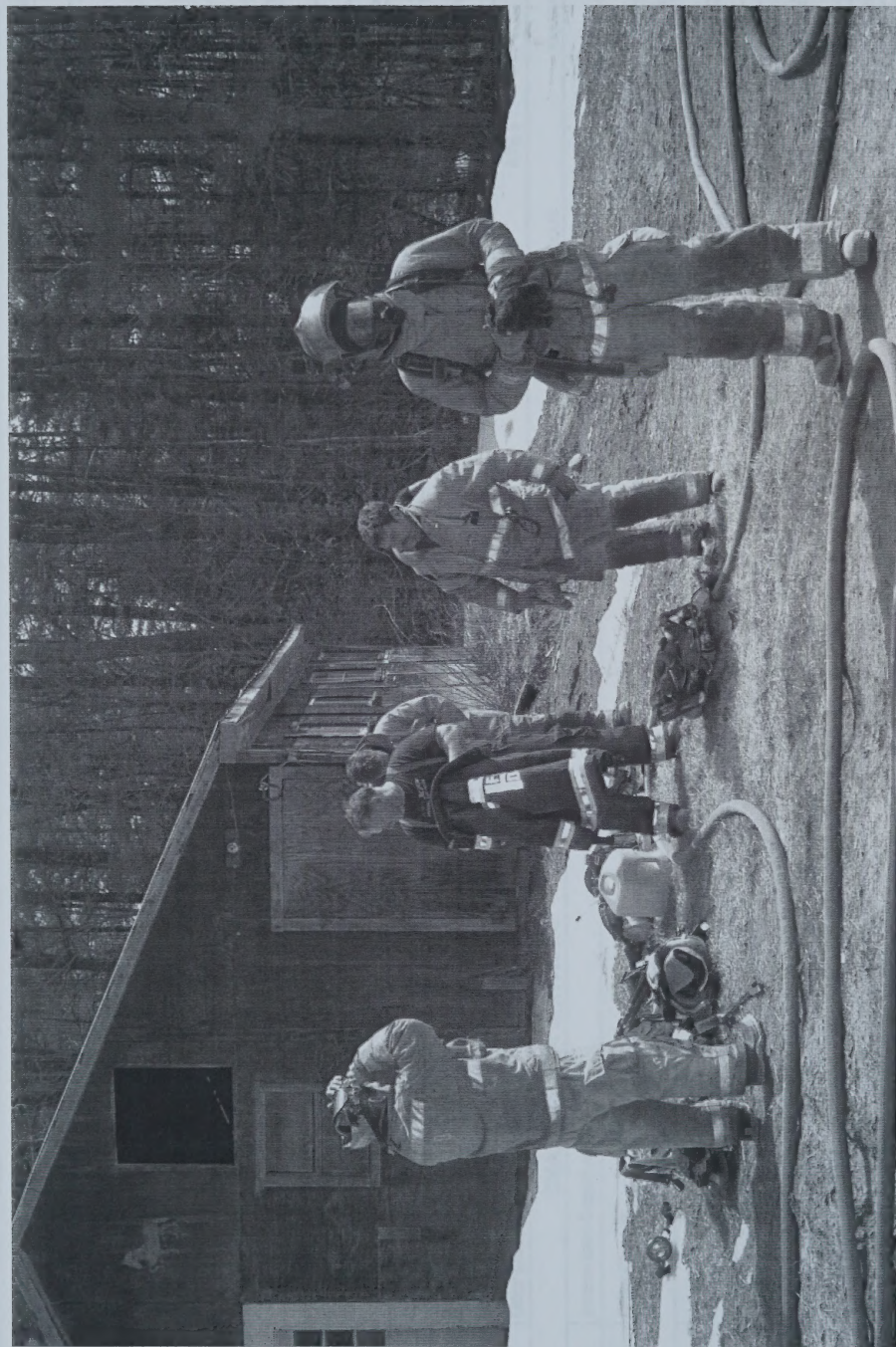
4902	Highway Department Loader	2				130,000			
4915	Highway Capital Reserve	4				25,000			
4915	Sewer Capital Reserve	5				1,000			
4915	Fire Department Capital Reserve	6				10,000			
4915	Paving Capital Reserve	7				25,000			
4916	Pay Per Bag	8				3,000			
4915	Police Capital Reserve	9				2,000			
4915	Highway Capital Reserve	10				12,700			
4916	Legal Expendable Trust	15				20,000			
	SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED				xxxxxxx	228,700	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4152	Statistical Update	11				4,000			
4152	Municipal Property Survey	12				2,600			
4220	First Responder	13				20,000			
4194	Storage Tank	16				6,800			
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED				xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx

SOURCE OF REVENUE							
Acct. #	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues		Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues		
		Prior Year	Prior Year	Prior Year	Ensuing Year		
TAXES							
3120			12,100	10,600	15,000		
3185			13,000	11,045	15,000		
3189			9,180	9,573	9,000		
3190			34,000	35,825	34,000		
			2,000	2,388	2,000		
3187			1,960	2,262	2,000		
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES							
3220			140,000	132,895	135,000		
3290			3,000	2,801	3,000		
FROM STATE							
3352			45,561	45,561	45,561		
3353			76,064	76,064	80,392		
3356			554	554	550		
3359			478	478	478		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES							
3401-3406			1,850	1,951	1,900		
3409	8		25,000	24,820	25,000		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES							
3501			7,125	1,475	1,000		
3502			1,000	1,037	1,000		
3503-3509			10,000	28,237	5,000		
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN							
3916			400	293	300		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
3934	2				130,000		
	10, 15		10,810	10,810	32,700		
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			394,082	398,669	538,881		

RECOMMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY		Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations		685,177	712,202
Special Warrant Articles		99,710	228,700
Individual Warrant Articles		1,200	33,400
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		786,087	974,302
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		394,082	538,881
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED		392,005	435,421



Volunteer Fire Fighters in Turnout Gear at a Controlled Burn

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Town offices closed	2 9:00 Ladies Aid
3	4 5:30 Selectmen	5 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	6 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	7 7:00 Historical Society	8	9 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
10	11 5:30 Selectmen	12 7:00 Auxiliary	13 7:00 Grange	14	15	16
17	18 5:30 Selectmen	19 7:00 Fire Dept Training	20	21 6:30 Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 5:30 Selectmen	26	27	28	29	30
24 / 31						



Ray Burton, Vic St Cyr and Mike Crosby at Fund Raiser for the Friends of the Dalton Town Hall

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:30 Budget Hearing 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	3 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	4 7:00 Historical Society	5	6 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	8 5:30 Selectmen	9 7:00 Auxiliary	10 7:00 Grange	11	12	13
14	15 5:30 Selectmen 6:00 Public Hearing	16 7:00 Fire Dept Training	17	18 Commodity Food Delivery 6:30 Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 Town Offices Closed Due to Holiday	23	24	25	26	27 5:00 Baked Bean & Ham Supper
28						



New Generator at the Municipal Building

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Selectmen	2 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	3 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	4 7:00 Historical Society	5	6 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	8 5:30 Selectmen	9 8:00-7:00 Voting 7:00 Town Meeting	10 7:00 Grange	11	12	13 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
14	15 5:30 Selectmen	16 7:00 Fire Dept Training 7:00 Auxiliary	17	18 6:30 Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 5:30 Selectmen	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 5:30 Selectmen	30	31			



Training at Control Burn

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Historical Society	2	3 9:00 Ladies Aid
4	5 5:30 Selectmen	6 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	7 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	8	9	10 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
11	12 5:30 Selectmen	13 7:00 Auxiliary	14 7:00 Grange	15 Commodity Food Delivery 6:30 Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19 5:30 Selectmen	20 7:00 Fire Dept Training	21	22	23	24
25	26 5:30 Selectmen	27	28	29	30	



Highway Department Replacing Fence at Cushman Cemetery

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Ladies Aid
2	3 5:30 Selectmen	4 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	5 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	6 7:00 Historical Society	7	8
9	10 5:30 Selectmen	11 7:00 Auxiliary	12 7:00 Grange	13	14	15
16	17 5:30 Selectmen	18 7:00 Fire Dept Training	19	20 6:30 Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24 5:30 Selectmen	25	26	27	28	29
30	24 5:30 Selectmen / 31 Offices Closed					



Bonfire Hosted by the Friends of the Dalton Town Hall

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	2 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	3 7:00 Historical Society	4	5 9:00 Ladies Aid
6	7 5:30 Selectmen	8 7:00 Auxiliary	9 7:00 Grange	10	11	12
13	14 5:30 Selectmen	15 7:00 Fire Dept Training	16	17 Commodity Food Delivery 6:30 Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21 5:30 Selectmen	22	23	24	25	26 7:00 Community Bonfire
27	28 5:30 Selectmen	29	30			



Computer Café in the Municipal Building Now Open to the Public

July

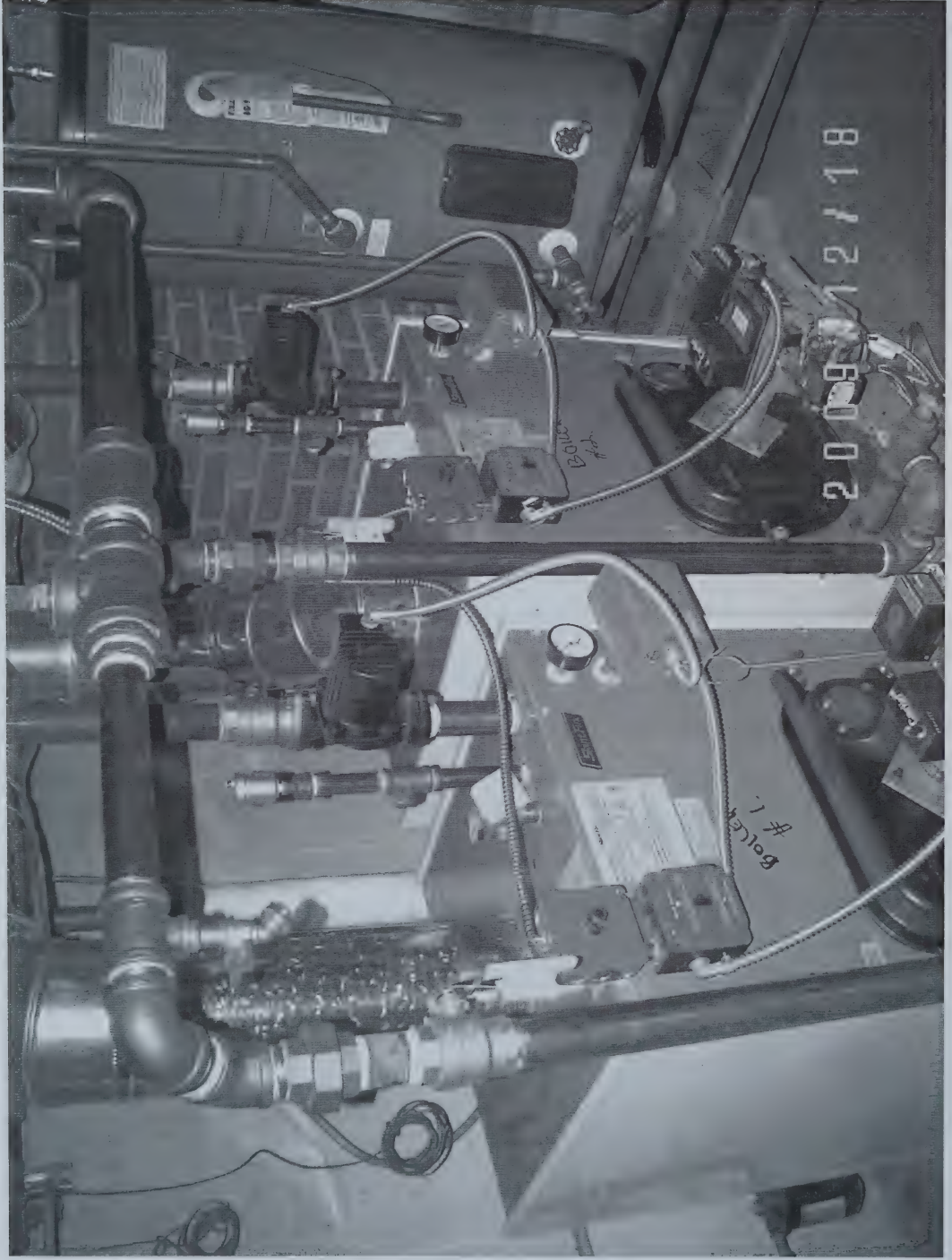
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Historical Society	2	3
4	5 Town Offices Closed Due To Holiday	6 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	7 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	8	9	10
11	12 5:30 Selectmen	13 7:00 Auxiliary	14 7:00 Grange	15 6:30 Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19 5:30 Selectmen	20 7:00 Fire Dept Training	21	22	23	24 8:00 - 4:00 Dalton Town Square Fair with Chicken Barbecue
25	26 5:30 Selectmen	27	28	29	30	31 7:00 Community Bonfire



Preparing the Library at the Municipal Building

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 5:30 Selectmen	3 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	4 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	5 7:00 Historical Society	6	7 9:00 Ladies Aid
8	9 5:30 Selectmen	10 7:00 Auxiliary	11 7:00 Grange	12	13	14
15	16 5:30 Selectmen	17 7:00 Fire Dept Training	18	19 Commodity Food Delivery 6:30 Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 5:30 Selectmen	24	25	26	27	28 7:00 Community Bonfire
29	30 5:30 Selectmen	31				



Boilers Installed at the Municipal Building

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	2 7:00 Historical Society	3	4
5	6 Town Offices Closed Due to Holiday	7 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	8 7:00 Grange	9	10	11 9:00 Ladies Aid
12	13 5:30 Selectmen	14 7:00 Auxiliary	15	16 6:30 Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 5:30 Selectmen	21 7:00 Fire Dept Training	22	23	24	25 7:00 Community Bonfire
26	27 5:30 Selectmen	28	29	30		



Installation of Additional Handicap Parking at the Municipal Building

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Ladies Aid
3	4 5:30 Selectmen	5 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	6 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	7 7:00 Historical Society	8	9 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
10	11 Town Offices Closed Due to Holiday	12 7:00 Auxiliary	13 7:00 Grange	14	15	16 5:00 Spaghetti Supper
17	18 5:30 Selectmen	19 7:00 Fire Dept Training	20	21 Commodity Food Delivery 6:30 Conservation Commission	22	23 2:00 - 4:00 Fall Fun, Food & Crafts
24	25 5:30 Selectmen	26	27	28	29	30
24 / 31						



Live Music Provided by the Flemings at the Toys for Tots Wrap

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Selectmen	2 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	3 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	4 7:00 Historical Society	5	6 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	8 5:30 Selectmen	9 7:00 Auxiliary	10 7:00 Grange	11 Town Offices Closed Due to Holiday	12	13 Silver Tea 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
14	15 5:30 Selectmen	16 7:00 Fire Dept Training	17	18 6:30 Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 5:30 Selectmen	23	24	25 Town Offices Closed Due to Holiday	26	27
28	29 5:30 Selectmen	30				



Volunteers Wrapping Toys For Tots

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Friends of the Dalton Town Hall 7:00 Planning Board	2 7:00 Historical Society	3	4 9:00 Ladies Aid 10:00 - 3:00 Christmas in Dalton
5 Memory Tree	6 5:30 Selectmen	7 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting	8 7:00 Grange	9 Commodity Food Delivery	10	11 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
12	13 5:30 Selectmen	14 7:00 Auxiliary	15	16 6:30 Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 5:30 Selectmen	21 7:00 Fire Dept Training	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 5:00 Community Bonfire & Pot Luck Supper	

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	12,100
Timber Yield Taxes	13,000
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	34,000
Other Taxes	9,180
Inventory Penalties	2,000
Excavation Tax	1,960
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	140,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000
FEMA Grants	21,786
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	45,561
Highway Block Grant	76,064
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	554
Railroad Tax	478
Income from Departments	1,850
Other Charges	25,000
Sale of Municipal Property	7,125
Interest on Investments	1,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000
Voted from Surplus	10,810
From Capital Reserve Funds	26,100
Trust and Agency Funds	400

Total Revenues and Credits

\$432,968

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$ 792,087
Less Revenues	(432,968)
Less Shared Revenues	(0)
Add: Overlay	10,544
War Service Credits	41,500

\$411,163

Due to Regional School District	\$1,606,830
Less Adequate Education Grant	(757,751)
State Education Taxes	(212,281)

\$636,798

\$212,281

Due to County	\$337,681
Less Shared Revenue	(0)

\$337,681

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,597,923
Less War Service Credits	(41,500)

\$ 1,556,423

Approved Tax Rate

\$17.11
Town - \$4.36 Local School - \$6.76 State School - \$2.40
County - \$3.59

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	76,064
Ice Storm Grant	27,304
Rooms & Meals	45,561
Railroad Tax	<u>554</u>

TOTAL **\$149,483**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	293
Donations	5
Sale of Town Property	1,475
Income from Departments	2,201
Copy Money	605
Refuse Charges	5,640
Sale of Garbage Bags	18,575
Refunds	190
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>493</u>

Total **\$ 29,477**

Grand Total **\$ 178,960**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,251,797
Residential Land	32,026,600
Commercial/Industrial Land	1,446,900
Residential Buildings	47,565,400
Manufactured Housing	5,545,200
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	895,100
Public Utilities	<u>5,677,414</u>

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$94,408,411**

Less Elderly Exemptions 220,900

Net Valuation **\$94,187,511**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Municipal Land, Buildings and Contents	\$1,100,000
Furniture and Equipment	60,000
Police Department Equipment	40,000
Police Department Vehicle	50,000
Library Furniture, Equipment & Books	214,000
Fire Station Building and Contents	200,000
Fire Department Vehicles	400,000
Town Highway Garage and Contents	300,000
Highway Department Vehicles	450,000
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	75,000
Parks and Playgrounds	26,000
Pump Station and Contents	<u>150,000</u>

Total Town Property **\$ 3,065,000**

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Financial Report for January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009

Name	Principal			Income			Total		
	Beginning Balance	New Funds Added	Expended	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest		Expended	Ending Balance
Perpetual Care	20,328.90	--	--	20,328.90	--	292.83	292.83	--	20,328.90
Fire Dept Equipment	14,709.09	11,000.00	--	25,709.09	1,692.17	281.56	--	1,973.73	27,682.82
Highway Dept Heavy Equip	46,437.92	26,000.00	--	72,437.92	1,010.62	767.45	--	1,778.07	74,215.99
Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Fund	8,485.25	1,000.00	--	9,485.25	234.77	128.95	--	363.72	9,848.97
Town Owned Buildings Improvement, Expansion and Renovation Fund	17,642.55	14,934.62	32,572.78	4.39	269.47	234.62	504.09	--	4.39
Paving	5,231.87	25,000.00	--	30,231.87	830.20	170.79	--	1,000.99	31,232.86
Police Cruiser	21,780.61	--	21,361.56	419.05	541.01	197.43	738.44	--	419.05
Transfer Station Repair, Replacement & Equip	36,904.78	--	--	36,904.78	1,099.18	547.43	--	1,646.61	38,551.39
Pay Per Bag Replacement	7,555.50	3,000.00	8,404.70	2,150.80	207.08	86.42	293.50	--	2,150.80
Totals	179,076.47	80,934.62	62,339.04	197,672.05	5,884.50	2,707.48	1,828.86	6,763.12	204,435.17

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

	2009	2008 & Prior		2009	2008 & Prior
Uncollected Beg Year			Unredeemed Beg of Yr		
Property			Liens Executed during year	86,149.86	89,166.55
Land Use Change			Interest & Costs	2,079.00	17,110.22
Yield			Total Debits	88,228.86	106,276.77
Excavation			Redemptions	22,504.74	49,617.98
Sewer			Interest & Costs	2,079.00	17,110.22
Penalties			Overpayments	(0.33)	
Taxes Committed			Abatements	52.94	133.62
Property	1,559,449.00		Liens Deeded		
Land Use Change	12,100.00		Unredeemed End of Year	63,592.51	39,414.95
Yield	12,954.73		Total Credits	88,228.86	106,276.77
Excavation	1,959.83				
Sewer	9,180.00				
Penalties	2,346.00				
Overpayments	7,758.73	237.37			
Interest on late taxes	1,623.10	15,012.31			
Total Debits	1,607,371.39	275,159.73			
Remitted to Treasurer					
Property	1,388,869.00	175,978.69			
Land Use Change	8,170.00	2,500.00			
Yield	10,915.02	130.41			
Interest (include lien conversion)	1,623.10	15,012.31			
Penalties	1,465.50	623.00			
Excavation	1,436.03				
Sewer	5,780.00	1,508.14			
Conversion to Lien Principal		79,109.46			
Abatement of Property Tax	284.00	297.72			
Uncollected End of Year					
Property	178,086.90				
Land Use Change	3,930.00				
Yield	2,039.71				
Excavation	523.80				
Sewer	3,400.00				
Penalties	880.50				
Credit Balances	(32.17)				
Total Credits	1,607,371.39	275,159.73			

TREASURER'S REPORT

General checking Account

Balance as of 1/1/09	25,017
Receipts	
Tax Collector	1,783,530
Town Clerk	135,656
Selectmen	179,436
Total Receipts	\$ 2,098,622
Transfers	
Bank Interest Earned	(17,000)
Payments	34
Balance 12/31/09	<u>(2,057,535)</u>
	\$ 49,138

Trust Account

Balance as of 1/1/09	333,787
Transfers	17,000
Interest	1,003
Balance as of 12/31/09	<u>\$ 351,790</u>

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 1/1/2009	\$ 129
Deposits	5,895
Transfers	900
Payments	(560)
Balance 12/31/2009	<u>\$ 6,364</u>

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

Balance 1/1/2009	\$ 62,580
Transfers	(900)
Interest Earned	122
Balance 12/31/2009	<u>\$ 61,802</u>

Sharon Tupper, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	
Permits Issued	\$132,895
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:	
Licenses	1,922
Penalties	600
Vital Statistics	<u>239</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$135,656

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$132,895
Dog Licenses	1,922
Dog Penalties	600
Vital Statistics	<u>239</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$135,656
Vehicles registered	1,386

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra York, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
Jul 24	Aidyn Scott	Giffilian, Shawn	Bolduc, Sharon	Littleton, NH
Aug 24	Emily Rae	Choate, Ryan	Millette, Melanie	Littleton, NH
Sep 21	Tyler James	Jackson, Todd	Dimond, Nancy	Littleton, NH
Nov 2	Madeline Olivia	Berry, Jeffrey	Berry, Ana	Dalton, NH
Nov 6	Olivia Clare	Packard, Aaron	Packard, Patricia	Littleton, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Jul 25	St Cyr, Shawn	Dalton, NH	Smith, Brynn	Dalton, NH
Sep 4	Giffilian, Shawn	Dalton, NH	Bolduc, Sharon	Dalton, NH
Oct 18	Remick, Justin	Lancaster, NH	White, Echo	Dalton, NH
Dec 30	Dube, Jon	Dalton, NH	Giguere, Chrissy	Dalton, NH
Dec 31	Stanton, Matthew	Dalton, NH	Woodward, Melinda	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN)</u>
Jan 16	Marshall, Richard	Franconia, NH	Marshall, Fenton	Kimball, Florence
Jan 20	Sweeney, Dean	Dalton, NH	Sweeney, Edwin	Colby, Cora
Jan 29	Newton Jr, James	Lancaster, NH	Newton Sr, James	Celley, Ruth
Feb 7	Dudley, Sara	Dalton, NH	Stoyile, Edwin	Gober, Grace
Mar 6	Dupont, Victoria	Lancaster, NH	Paquette, Fernando	Stratton, Pauline
May 29	St Cyr, Leo	Lancaster, NH	St Cyr, Napoleon	Lizzotte, Marie
Jun 12	Smith, Lillian	Lancaster, NH	Marcou, Albert	Marco, Gertrude
Jun 22	White, Rodney	Dalton, NH	White, Ronald	Pilotte, Marjorie
Oct 15	Young, Robert	Dalton, NH	Young, Robert	Masure, Marilyn
Oct 18	Neal, Raymond	Dalton, NH	Neal, Clarence	Bloss, Geraldine
Oct 28	Packard, Marion	Whitefield, NH	Provencher, Albert	Bean, Florence
Nov 17	York, John	Littleton, NH	York, Emerson	Fisher, Marjorie

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This had been a transitional year for the commission since we lost a valuable member of our group and our chairman was not reappointed. We wish to thank our past chairman for his efforts, guidance and all the time he gave to the commission and the town.

This past year the commission has worked with several groups offering to help maintain and preserve Forest Lake State Park. FLSP is a valuable resource for the town and we all should do everything that can be done to preserve it.

The commission has also continued its involvement with the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) working in conjunction with the State Department of Environmental Services. Commission VRAP members regularly test the waters of the John's River and the Connecticut River and provide the State with our results which are entered into the State's database for river monitoring.

It is the commission's mission to continue to serve the residents of Dalton by continuing to protect Dalton's resources, wetlands and the wildlife habitat that we all value.

Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month and meetings are open to all. Please feel welcome to attend.

Conservation commission members include Becky McVetty, Doris Korst, Helen Delage, John Paquette and Ed Craxton.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Korst, Acting Chairperson

DALTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

We had a productive season, despite a rather soggy summer. We were able to place 2,700 yards of gravel, and put up 2,000 yards of winter sand. We also were able to place 42 tons of asphalt. Having fuel prices return to somewhat normal was a big help.

The crew did a fine job replacing the fence at the Cushman cemetery. We are seeking a loader for 2010 and your support in making that happen would be appreciated.

Work on ditching, roadside mowing and overhang, as well as gravel and pipe replacement, will continue.

Many thanks to Rob and Jeff for their service and dedication to both the highway and fire departments.

Your questions and concerns are always welcomed. Many thanks, as always, to those who do call. The number at the highway garage is 837-9821.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Wentworth Jr
Road Agent

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to 25 calls in 2009, down slightly from 2008. The Fire Department grew again in 2009 ending the year with 25 members. We currently have a good mix of experienced veteran firefighters and new members. The new members are acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to take over in the future. Training was a priority in 2009 with a high attendance rate for all events. Two members attended a State Certified Level One Class in 2009 with a graduation date of February 2010. The dedication of all members makes for a strong competent department.

In 2009 the Fire Department started building an Emergency Medical First Response Service. The goal is to respond to medical emergencies in Dalton reducing the time needed to get First Responders on scene. The Fire Department will respond to stabilize patients, start Advanced Life Support if needed and assist the ambulance crew. The plan is to use the retired police cruiser as a First Response Vehicle. A First Responder Class is planned for March of 2010 pending Town Meeting approval for funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people and organizations that helped the Fire Department in 2009. First and foremost are the members, who respond to emergencies day and night, in extreme cold and heat, leaving meals, family events and being awoken from a sound sleep. These members are trained and prepared to respond to any emergency, not knowing what that might be until toned to respond. The fire department could not operate without these dedicated members. I would also like to thank the member's families who tolerate the hours spent on fire service. Their support is appreciated. I would like to thank the Mutual Aid Systems that provide resources in the event of large emergencies. The Mutual Aid towns make it possible to protect our town regardless of the emergency. I would like to thank the Dalton Auxiliary for their continued support. The Auxiliary provides resources such as food and drinks, and help on scenes as needed. They make our job easier. The Police and Fire Department work together on most emergency scenes. They are both well trained, professional and they work well together. Their help and support are essential in handling emergency scenes. The Dalton Highway Department is unique; all three employees are certified, experienced firefighters and are members of the Fire Department. The highway employees respond to fire calls during the daytime. In a town where most people work out of town this makes daytime coverage possible.

I accepted the Fire Chief position early in 2009. It has been a busy, but productive year. There are a number of people who made my first year a success. Former Fire Chief Brett Hucksoll made the transition smooth and easy, helping with administrative duties and information. Brett remains a

valuable member of the Fire Department. The Dalton Selectmen have been supportive and willing to listen to new ideas. Their willingness to help the department grow is appreciated. Road Agent Bob Wentworth and his crew maintained department trucks and equipment and made repairs if needed. Police Chief John Tholl provided resources and support and was instrumental in obtaining the old police cruiser for the First Responder Service. I would especially like to thank Town Clerk Sandra York. Sandy is always willing to help. She answered questions, coordinated department heads and safety committee meetings, and tracked my budget to name a few. Sandy supports the Fire Department and is behind the First Responder Service. Sandy is always easy to work with and is an asset to the town. The department heads worked together as a team accomplishing a lot for the year.

The Dalton Fire Department would like to extend condolences to the John York family. John was an active respected member of the Fire Department for many years. His service is appreciated and he will be missed.

I look forward to 2010 and will work to further improve the department.

The current roster: Asst Chief -Mark Jacobs, Captain- Bob Wentworth, Captain- Tom McVetty, Lieutenant- Rob Blanchette, Lieutenant- John Bean, Aaron Packard, Brett Hucksoll, Tiny Miller, Allen Blakslee, James Sherwood, Dan Way, Bob Giroux, Shawn Giroux, Jeff Young, Jenn Stark, Ed Stark, Harvey Call Jr., Fred Paul, Carol Sheltry, Ed Tibbets, Peter Tibbets, Kathy Barden, James Hussey, Amanda Bell

REMEMBER: SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Sheltry

Dalton Fire Department Chief

PLANNING BOARD

The 2009 year was a very slow one for the Planning Board. During the year we had three property mergers. We are continuing to work on Dalton's Master Plan and hope to have it finalized during 2010. A subcommittee has been formed under the Planning Board auspices to investigate the feasibility of and preparation of a zoning ordinance. In order to be sure this ordinance incorporates the needs and desires of the residents of Dalton we plan on continually gaining input at every step of the process. The culmination of this effort will be presenting this ordinance at a Town Meeting.

The Planning Board purchased a projector to better present information to the public. We hope to utilize this projector in presenting the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances to the public.

Public interest in the activities of the Board increased during the year. We are happy to announce that we now have a full compliment of members. The full board is composed of four members, one of which acts as the chairman; one ex-officio member; and two alternates. Even though we have a full board, we always welcome public attendance and input. The Board meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of every month in the Dalton Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
John Letson
Chairman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

This has been an extremely busy year for the library trustees and director. We were planning to stay in the Town Hall and made great plans for the future of the library at that location. However, 61 voters decreed that we would move to one of the former classrooms in the municipal building. Not a simple task. To start with, we had very little information about the building we were moving into, so we needed to figure out how we could set up the library before we could start at square one. One very important aspect of this move is the fact that when a public entity builds, moves or remodels, they must adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and above all else, we were determined that if we had to move, we would do it the right way. Our plan created and the room in the process of being prepared, we started gathering shelving. We were very fortunate in this regard. Most of our shelving and some of our furniture was donated by UNH in Durham and Plymouth. We were able to fill in with mostly second hand shelving to complete the room. The cost of new shelving would have been around \$12,000.00, but we were able to do it for \$1,500.00. We also purchased three new units on casters for some of the children's collection. Being able to move them around has been very helpful as our space is so limited.

The library was closed the last two weeks of August, and the actual move took place. It was pretty much organized chaos, but thanks our Director's skills, and many great volunteers, this was accomplished. There is much left to be done, or course, such as appropriate signage and a driveway to the north entrance with a parking lot, so that our library will have its own entry and our patrons will not have to walk so far. We are going to have half of the classroom next to us, so will be able to move more of our collection over to the new location.

We were able to accomplish all of this because we had so many willing and talented volunteers come forward to help.

There are three library trustees, one elected each year for a three year term. We meet a minimum of eight times a year as needed, usually on a Monday evening, and all of our meetings are open to the public. To know more about your library and what we can offer, please join us.

Trustees:

Jean Abbott
Margaret Michaud
Judith Picard

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2009

Starting balance:

Children's Programs & Services CD
Operating Account

\$10,000.00
3,966.46
\$14,536.22

Receipts:

Town of Dalton
Kid's Books & The Arts Grant-NHSL

12,833.00

Donations

350.00

Interest on CPS CD

169.95

Book Sale

402.70

Refund-Scholastics, Inc

209.00

Friends of the Library

274.54

Memory Tree (2 years)

1,221.79

Sales

341.75

Gates Foundation - Public computer

75.00

1,950.00

Total Receipts:

\$17,827.73

Available funds:

\$31,794.19

Expenses:

Salary

\$ 8,112.00

Payroll Taxes

620.52

Education & Conferences

871.79

Dues

120.00

Telephone & Internet

1,542.64

Supplies

404.90

Books, etc

836.14

Programs

487.36

Children's area furnishings & book return

613.70

Shelving

927.92

Fairpoint Comm.-connect service

117.65

Public Computer

1,546.96

Friends of The Dalton Town Hall

300.00

Total Expended:

16,501.58

Ending Balance:

\$15,292.61

CP&S Fund

Operating funds

Tech. Services Fund

Undeposited Funds

\$10,000.00

3,203.93

2,441.58

47.10

\$15,292.61

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

LIBRARIAN REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials

1172

Children's Materials

684

Magazines, Videos, etc.

109

TOTAL CIRCULATION:

1965

New Borrowers

19

Regular Hours Open

500

Volunteer Hours Open

750

ACCESSIONS:

Adult Materials

127

Children's Materials

141

Reference Materials

13

Video / Audio

18

Periodicals

7

306

TOTAL ACCESSIONS:

This year started out with a grant from the Libri Foundation providing children's books for the library. Several new titles were added to the collection. Also this year the library completed phase one of the Bill & Melinda Gates Grant by providing a public access computer in the library. During 2010 we will complete our grant with an additional computer for public use giving us a total of three.

I attended the Library Trustees Association; The Library Association; as well as the American Library Association conferences this year. The meetings with the local Library Cooperative consisting of 24 area libraries provides this library with a wealth of sharing possibilities. They were most helpful in the procedures needed to help move from one location to another, and continue to provide for our patrons materials that are not in our own collection.

Books and other materials not used for the collection are now shelved for easy access at the old library location for our book sales. We use this money to purchase more books. At present we have a couple of patrons whom have adopted authors, where they purchase all books by their author and then donate them to us.

The Dalton Public Library provides programs during winter and summer for children of all ages. The activities and happenings here are accomplished with the help of the many volunteers that provide time, assistance and money. We thank all who have been so generous with their donations and gifts to the library.

The new library hours are: Monday 2-7 Wednesday 2-5 and Saturday 10- noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Milton, Librarian

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Again in 2009 the police department experienced change. With the resignation of Officer Kayla Audit and the leave of absence of Sgt. Mario Audit left the department 3 officers down. Sgt Audit has since returned to duty and the department is actively recruiting additional officers.

Members of the police department logged two thousand one hundred and twenty three (2,123) hours of service for the town. This year there were 201 dispatched calls from Troop F not counting the calls for service received at the department. The number of hours and the number of dispatched calls were down in 2009 due to the loss of available officers during the later part of the year. The case breakdown of calls are as follows:

Simple Assault	2	Burglary	8
Theft From a Building	1	Theft From a MV	1
All Other Larceny	6	MV Theft	3
Forgery	1	Vandalism	5
Bad Checks	1	Robbery	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	DWI	3
Family Offenses Non-violent	1	Liquor Law Violations	5
Trespass	4	All Other Offenses	3
Accidents Requiring Investigation	12	Full Custody Arrests	101
Field Interviews	16	Traffic Citations	200
Calls for Service	115	911 Hang up Calls	20
		Alarm Calls	8

Please remember that 911 is an emergency number. If you should mistakenly dial 911 instead of another number like 991 (A cell prefix) don't just hang up. Once you hit the last digit it will go through and be reported as a 911 hang up requiring a response by the police/fire department. Stay on the line and advise them you have mis-dialed.

The Police Department business phone number is 837-2703. If you have an emergency, please dial 911 and assistance will be forthcoming. If you need to speak to an officer and the business number goes to voice mail please leave a message. For a more timely response please call Troop F (Department Dispatch) at 846-3333 and they will dispatch a Dalton officer. Thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted
John E. Tholl Jr.
Chief of Police

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year 2009 saw a few changes to Emergency Management. The town now has a 30KW emergency generator installed and operational. Currently a video surveillance system has been purchased and is awaiting installation. Both of these additions were obtained through a grant from Homeland Security and another from USDA (Rural Development).

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Tholl Jr.
EMD

THE MERCIER GROUP
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Dalton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards that are generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Dalton, as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its private-purpose trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis of the financial statements. Although it is not required to be part of the basic financial statements, United States generally accepted accounting principals considers it required supplementary information.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Note: Due to the auditor's scheduling the 2009 audit has not yet been performed.

WEEKS HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE SERVICES

Our agency continues to provide Dalton residents with a wide range of services for our youngest patients through to our elders. Our Home Visiting program provides pregnant mothers and their babies with nursing and educational services in their homes during pregnancy and through the first year of the child's life. Home Health services for the ill and injured include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aides; homemakers; medical social services and intravenous therapies. We are also committed to providing excellent end of life care to the terminally ill.

Although a few Home Health agencies around the State have had to discontinue or limit the availability of certain programs - charitable and municipal contributions have allowed us to continue to provide quality home care and hospice care to an increasing amount of family members, neighbors and friends of Dalton.

Weeks Medical Center - Home Health & Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Dalton and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence.

Sincerely,
Gail Tattan-Giampaolo, Director
Home Health and hospice Services

CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a not-for-profit organization which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for seniors (60+), by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2009, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 250+ Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over \$36,633.50 worth of services were provided FREE to clients. Caleb's 62 active volunteers donated over 1,787 hours and drove over 21,814 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments and running errands is one of the most requested services through Caleb. Many of Caleb's trips were local, but some of our trips took us to DHMC, North Conway, Manchester, Concord, White River Junction, St. Johnsbury and Boston. It costs \$2.00 per mile, plus a loading fee of \$3.50, to take a ride in a local taxicab. Caleb's rides are provided free of charge.

Transportation is only one of the services that Caleb volunteers provide. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork, computer training and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This state run program is available, every other month, to NH seniors that are 60+ and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to seniors, who are totally homebound. Caleb volunteers also assist with the Pet Food Project, which has grown by leaps and bounds. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has distributed over 32.5 tons of FREE pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Caleb has served over 271 seniors through this project and has helped feed over 713 pets!

Caleb's Project Cool Air, provides air conditioners/fans to seniors that need the appliances during the summer months. Most of the seniors that receive these appliances have COPD or some other health related condition. Caleb is able to offer this service due to the generosity of the Lancaster and Littleton Rotaries. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home. The average cost of nursing home care is \$205.00 per day.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraisers, donations, appeals and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue our mission of serving seniors in need. The \$1,650.00 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2010.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact one of the Board Members.

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Larry Berg, President - Whitefield
David Glover, Treasurer - Whitefield
Vicki Gunderson, Clerk - Whitefield
Myra Emerson - Lancaster
Phil Laplante - Littleton
Carl Rod - Jefferson
Gail Tattian-Giampaolo - Maidstone, VT

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR CITIZENS, INC

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue, in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 11,636 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays - Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. At this time we deliver from Kirby Mountain all the way to Guildhall. The Area Agency on Aging gives them a mileage reimbursement.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, located in St. Johnsbury is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Social Security, and Medicaid/Medicare. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates, and Companionship. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The center sponsors many events that are open to the public. The Center now has bingo each and every Monday at 6:30 in the evening. We have been blessed with folks who have been willing to help out with bingo and the Senior Center has enjoyed the fruits of the labor as we were able to get some expensive repairs done that were urgently needed. We thank everyone so much for their support as the money is well spent on the extra repairs and materials that we would never have been able to afford otherwise. The Center also sponsors flu shots, blood pressure clinics, and gets help to do tax returns in the spring, as well as it is used for receptions, dinners and church services.

The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Alden Balch library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Also available is the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which is for people 60 years old or older. This is delivered in the parking lot the 2nd Friday of the month for information please call the Area Agency on Aging 1-800-642-5119 or the Food Bank for an application at 1-800-241-4648.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (T.E.F.A.P.) is another service the Senior Center offers through the Vermont Food Bank to income eligible families, regardless of age. Volunteers inventory, bag, and distribute the food approximately the 3rd week of each month. We bagged and handed out roughly 1,020 bags of food to needy families up from 960 last year. For assistance, either stop by the Senior Center Tues-Fri or call (802)892-6616.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am to noon or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted. The Boutique is also used to help victims of "fire losses" as they are invited in to get whatever they need or want at no cost to help them get back on their feet.

Continued community support for the center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed. We would like everyone to know also that we have some medical equipment such as porta-pottys, tub chairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and sometimes, wheelchairs that we loan out, at no cost, to anyone in need! We are always in need of volunteers to help keep our programs going.

The Center is in the process of trying to get another grant so we can do a major repair to the roof on the Boutique and commodity building. We also are trying for monies to replace our aging boiler system that has been costing us dearly to maintain. None of this money will come out of the towns that help us each year as that money is for the routine costs that we face daily at the center.

For more information please call (802) 892-6616.

I respectfully thank you for all considerations that you give our Senior Center each and every year. Without you it would be impossible to continue serving our community the way we do.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward G Wheelock
President / Chairman

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH & COMMON GROUND

Last night, before I settled down to write this year's Director's Report, I opened the local paper. A feature story was devoted to Eric Hipple, a former Detroit Lion's football player, who lost his 15-year-old son to suicide. The article focused Mr. Hipple's story of tackling his own bouts of severe depression and surviving suicide loss. After reading the article, I had three thoughts. First, we have come a long way toward beating not only the illness of depression, but also the stigma of mental illness. A few years ago, I suspect Mr. Hipple would have hidden his personal struggle for fear of appearing weak or being blamed for his son's death. Today, he is able to use this experience to help others and to reassure all of us that, as the book title says, "Real Men Do Cry". For those of us in the mental health field, this progress is great to see. My second thought was that people reading the article need to know that Community Mental Health Centers like White Mountain Mental Health are here to help. In your community, you do have a place to turn when this kind of crisis strikes your family. My third thought was that our national and state governments are short-sighted in cutting funding for mental health. To put this another way, it is the best of times for mental health as more people recognize that getting treatment for a mental illness is much like getting treatment for a physical illness; private but not shameful. But it is also the worst of times. This year has been one of the most challenging ever for Community Mental Health Centers in our state and throughout the country. As the State of New Hampshire struggles with a budget deficit, payments to mental health centers are being cut. There is absolutely no subsidy to help mental health centers provide services on a sliding fee scale to those people who clearly need our support, but who are not severely and persistently mentally ill and eligible for State support through Medicaid. In this environment, I am happy to be able to report that White Mountain Mental Health, unlike many mental health centers and private practitioners, has continued to welcome all residents of our communities who come to us for help. Our ability to keep our doors open to everyone is directly related to the appropriations we receive from our towns. Your help is also crucial in allowing us to maintain our satellite locations in Lincoln, Woodsville and Lancaster. In this economy, being able to receive services close to home is important.

Many people have asked me this year if we notice a change in the people seeking mental health care. The answer is a resounding "yes"! People who have never needed mental health care in their lives are experiencing overwhelming challenges. Many hard working residents of the North Country have lost jobs this year. Loss of a job takes away not only income, but also health insurance and, in many cases, self esteem and personal

stability. Our children feel the impact of our stress. It is hard to be a nurturing and patient parent when you are trying to come to grips with major losses in your life. Those who have been lucky enough to maintain employment may be working two or three jobs to make ends meet. It is hard to find a person who feels that their emotional and financial status has improved this year. Our referrals are up and both the number of people needing our services and the severity of their situations has increased. We are thankful that our communities recognize the value of having a resource for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities in their town.

This year White Mountain Mental Health provided 114,500 hours of service to 25 residents of the town of Dalton. During the year, we have literally saved lives, including the lives of your people who would otherwise have been lost to suicide. We encourage you to know the following warning signs:

Appearing depressed or sad most of the time.

(Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.)

Talking or writing about death or suicide.

Withdrawing from family and friends.

Feeling hopeless, helpless, strong anger or rage.

Feeling trapped – like there is no way out of a situation.

Experiencing dramatic mood changes or a personality change.

Abusing drugs or alcohol.

Acting impulsively or recklessly.

Losing interest in most activities.

Experiencing a change in sleeping or eating habits.

Losing interest in most activities.

Performing poorly at work or in school.

Giving away prized possessions.

Feeling excessive guilt or shame.

Although some suicides occur with no warning, approximately 75% of suicides involve one or more of these signs. Thank you for maintaining a vital resource in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, LICSW Area Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) / Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire!

As of November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business / community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm or write to my office.

Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways / bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I do not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Atten: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at rburton@nh.gov or find the schedule on my State House web page at: <http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Raymond S. Burton

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

This year has been an exceptionally tough year, not only for our region, but the entire country. We realize that all of our communities have struggled with budgets and the economic hardships of it's citizens and we hope that North Country Council has been able to help. We would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year.

We continued to deliver planning services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We are continuing our community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. These programs, as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments and transportation planning, will continue to be a focus on North Country Council. Our primary focus this year has been on economic development as we try to respond to the economic downturn in the region. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We applied for and received a number of very significant grants from EDA for the region as well as a significant Brownfields Grant from EPA.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael King
Executive Director

FRIENDS OF THE DALTON TOWN HALL

A little over a year ago, concerns that the original Town Hall would be closed to year-round use, if not closed entirely, brought a group of citizens before the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed to an Ad Hoc committee to study the feasibility of raising monies to pay heat and electric without impact on the tax bills to the property owners in town.

The committee was determined to keep the building open. We soon organized into the Friends of the Dalton Town Hall, and a lease was agreed upon between the group and the Town. We are a non-profit organization with the goal of maintaining the building for use by the public.

We have held several events to help us in our efforts. A baked bean and ham dinner, and a smorgasbord meal were held during the past year at the auditorium of the new municipal building. A chicken barbecue and flea market was held during warmer months as an outdoor event at the Town Hall. Community get-togethers such as bonfires once a month from June through September and a fall craft fair brought families out to mingle with others for a few hours of fun and games. Several organizations hold their meetings in the hall on a regular basis.

After a couple grant application filings with the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, we have succeeded in obtaining a grant from them for the purpose of assisting us with maintenance costs, fire code updates, and making the hall more accessible for the handicapped. There have been numerous donations from townspeople and former residents, and the Board of Selectmen agreed to act as fiscal agent for us so that we could file for a grant on a timely basis. We wish to thank all of our members and those who helped in some way to make this happen. Be sure to watch for more events to be held, whether they are fund raisers or just for fun. If you have an event you would like to schedule, please contact Terri Parks at tbparks@earthlink.net to make the arrangements. It makes a great place for meetings, birthday parties, reunions and card parties.

John Bean, President
Jean Abbott, 1st Vice President
Anthony Poekert, 2nd Vice President
Rebecca McVetty, Secretary
Terri Parks, Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year was one of controversy centered around a proposal to build a drag strip on private property in Dalton. The proposal divided the town, pro and con, and galvanized residents into taking a serious look into adopting a zoning ordinance as a means of managing growth.

Under the auspices of the town's Planning Board, a Zoning Committee chaired by Mitch Greaves has made steady progress toward crafting a zoning ordinance appropriate for Dalton. Dalton is one of a handful of communities in New Hampshire without a zoning ordinance.

At the March 9 Town Meeting, residents will be asked to vote on a proposed race track ordinance. If approved, the ordinance would regulate race tracks, not prohibit them.

A second petitioned article calls for banning radioactive, chemical, automotive, or toxic waste and sludge facilities within the town.

Thanks to volunteerism and a conservative spending approach, the conversion of the former Dalton Elementary School to the municipal center is almost complete. The library has relocated, a new boiler has been installed and the high speed internet café is available to the public at no cost. Additional space has been assigned to the library for reference material and research.

While a number of residents have helped make the municipal center a reality, we would be remiss if we did not give special recognition to Police Chief John Tholl who has given countless hours to the renovation project. Chief Tholl's aggressive pursuit of grants and his countless hours of labor have saved the town tens of thousands of dollars.

The Selectboard leased the former town hall building to the Friends group which was awarded an almost \$15,000 grant to bring the building up to state fire code standards.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant administered by the North Country Investment Corporation (NCIC), a high speed internet access pilot project came to fruition. Dalton was the first town in the County to have high speed internet through the NCIC at no cost to the town.

The town was approached by the Division of Forest and Parks to partner with them to essentially save Forest Lake State Park. Insufficient funding and benign neglect have taken its toll on the Park. The Park is a valuable resource for the town. This year we will reach out to residents, social groups and organizations in an effort to restore the Park's luster.

Lastly, our sincere thanks to town employees, department heads, committee members and the many volunteers for their efforts in making Dalton a special place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian R. Hardy, Chair, Victor St. Cyr, Michael Crosby

NOTES

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To Report Any Emergency
 Fire Department - non emergency
 Highway Garage
 Library
 Police Department - non emergency
 Selectmen's Office
 Tax Collector
 Town Clerk
 Fax Line

DIAL 911
 837-3100
 837-9821
 837-2751
 837-2703
 837-2092
 837-9802
 837-2092
 837-9642

WEBSITE

www.townofdalon.com

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department
 Library
 Police Department
 Selectmen's Office &
 Town Clerk
 Tax Collector
 Transfer Station

7:00 AM - 3:30 PM Mon-Fri
 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mon
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Wed
 10:00 AM - 12 noon Sat
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mon
 11:00 AM to 5:15 PM Mon
 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tues, Wed, Thurs
 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Mon
 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Thurs
 12 noon to 5:00 PM Tues
 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sat

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Offices
 Planning Board meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Offices
 Conservation Commission meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Offices

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Brian Hardy
 Victor St.Cyr
 Michael Crosby

Term Expires 2010
 Term Expires 2011
 Term Expires 2012

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York

Term Expires 2012

TREASURER

Sharon Tupper

Term Expires 2010

TAX COLLECTOR

Jessie Wentworth

Term Expires 2012

AUDITOR

Mercier Group

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Tammy Letson, Anna Gilbody, Bruce Walsh

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

Ron Sheltry

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

Shawn St.Cyr

MODERATOR

Jeff Woodburn

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John E. Tholl, Jr.

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Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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Term Expires 2010

Jean Abbott

Term Expires 2011

Margaret Michaud

Term Expires 2012

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Nancy McVetty

Appointment Expires 2010

Brian Hardy (ex-officio)

Appointment Expires 2010

Sandra York

Appointment Expires 2011

William Howe

Appointment Expires 2012

John Letson, Chairman

Appointment Expires 2012

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Term Expires 2012

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Term Expires 2014

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